

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination Eric H. Holder, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Attorney General.

**VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine veterans organizations' priorities for the 111th Congress, after receiving testimony from Dean Stoline, The American Legion, Rockville, Maryland; Adrian Atizado, Disabled American Veterans, Cold Spring, Kentucky; Todd Bowers, Iraq

and Afghanistan Veterans of America, New York, New York; Carl Blake, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Fredericksburg, Virginia; Dennis Cullinan, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Washington, D.C.; and John Rowan, Vietnam Veterans of America, Middle Village, New York.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Dennis Blair, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of National Intelligence.

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## House of Representatives

**Chamber Action**

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 50 public bills, H.R. 734–735, 737–741, 743–785; 7 private bills, H.R. 736–742; and 13 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 29–35; and H. Res. 96–101 were introduced.

**Pages H777–80****Additional Cosponsors:****Pages H780–81**

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows: Supplemental report on H.R. 598, to provide for a portion of the economic recovery package relating to revenue measures, unemployment, and health (H. Rept. 111–8, Pt. 2).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Tauscher to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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**Authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony in honor of the bicentennial of the birth of President Abraham Lincoln:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Con. Res. 27, authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony in honor of the bicentennial of the birth of President Abraham Lincoln.

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**Suspension—Failed:** The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, January 27th:

**DTV Delay Act:** S. 328, amended, to postpone the DTV transition date, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 258 yeas to 168 nays, Roll No. 41.

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**Committee Elections:** The House agreed to H. Res. 96, electing the following Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives: Committee on Homeland Security: Representatives Loretta Sanchez (CA), Harman, DeFazio, Norton,

Zoe Lofgren (CA), Jackson-Lee (TX), Cuellar, Carney, Clarke, Richardson, Kirkpatrick (AZ), Luján, Pascrell, Cleaver, Al Green (TX), Himes, Kilroy, Massa, and Titus. Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Representatives Kanjorski, Maloney, Cummings, Kucinich, Tierney, Clay, Watson, Lynch, Cooper, Connolly (VA), Norton, Kennedy, Davis (IL), Van Hollen, Cuellar, Hodes, Murphy (CT), Welch, Foster, Speier, and Driehaus.

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**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009:** The House passed H.R. 1, making supplemental appropriations for job preservation and creation, infrastructure investment, energy efficiency and science, assistance to the unemployed, and State and local fiscal stabilization, for fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, by a yea-and-nay vote of 244 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 46. Consideration of the measure began on Tuesday, January 27th.

**Pages H607–18, H620–H749**

Rejected the Lewis (GA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a recorded vote of 159 yeas to 270 noes, Roll No. 45.

**Pages H746–48**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–9 shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment under the five-minute rule.

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Accepted:

Oberstar amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–9) that amends the aviation, highway, rail, and transit priority consideration and “use-it-or-lose-it” provisions to require that 50 percent of the funds be obligated within 90 days;

**Pages H711–12**

Markey (MA) amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–9) that requires that the Secretary require, as a condition of receiving funding under Title XIII of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, that the demonstration projects utilize Internet-based or other open protocols and standards if available and appropriate, and requires that grants recipients utilize Internet-based or other open protocols and standards; **Pages H712–13**

Shuster amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–9) that clarifies that Federal funds received by States under the bill for highway maintenance shall not be used to replace existing funds in place for transportation project; **Pages H713–17**

Nadler (NY) amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–9) that increases transit capital funding by \$3 billion; **Pages H717–20**

Waters amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–9) that provides that job training funds may be used for broadband deployment and related activities provided in the bill; **Page H721**

Kissell amendment (No. 8 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–9) that expands the Berry Amendment Extension Act to include DHS to require the government to purchase uniforms for more than one hundred thousand uniformed employees from U.S. textile and apparel manufacturers; **Pages H723–24**

Platts amendment (No. 9 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–9) that inserts the text of the Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act (H.R. 985 in the 110th Congress) regarding protections for federal employees who report waste, fraud, and abuse; and **Pages H724–31**

Teague amendment (No. 10 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–9) that requires that the Recovery.gov website contain links and other information on how to access job information created at or by entities receiving funding under the bill; including links to local employment agencies, state, local, and other public agencies receiving recovery funds, and private firms contracted to perform work funded by the bill. **Pages H731–32**

Rejected:

Neugebauer amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–9) that sought to strike the appropriations provisions from the bill (by a recorded vote of 134 ayes to 302 noes, Roll No. 42); **Pages H720–21, H743–44**

Flake amendment (No. 7 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–9) that sought to strike funding for Amtrak (by a recorded vote of 116 ayes to 320 noes, Roll No. 43); and **Pages H721–23, H741–45**

Camp amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 11 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–9) that sought to strike everything after the enacting clause and add income tax rate deductions for bottom two

income tax brackets, alternative minimum tax relief, small business deduction, bonus depreciation, small business expensing, expanded carryback of net operating losses, improved home buyer credit, unemployment benefit tax exemption, health insurance premium deduction, repeal of 3 percent withholding requirement for government contractors, extension of unemployment benefits, and a Sense of Congress against tax increases to offset outlays (by a recorded vote of 170 ayes to 266 noes, Roll No. 44).

**Pages H732–43, H45**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H749**

H. Res. 92, the rule providing for further consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 243 yeas to 185 nays, Roll No. 40, after agreeing to order the previous question without objection. **Pages H609–18**

A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 92 and it was agreed to proceed with consideration of the resolution by a yeas-and-nays vote of 240 yeas to 174 nays, Roll No. 39.

**Pages H607–09**

**Meeting Hour for Monday, February 2nd:** Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, February 2nd, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 3rd for morning hour debate. **Page H749**

**Meeting Hour for Friday, January 30th:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. on Friday, January 30, 2009, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in H. Con. Res. 26, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution. **Page H749**

**Privileged Resolution:** The House agreed to H. Res. 97, changing the size of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. **Page H750**

**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Conaway, wherein he resigned from the Committee on the Budget. **Page H751**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yeas-and-nays votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H609, H618, H619, H744, H744–45, H745, H748, H748–49. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION; COMMITTEE'S OVERSIGHT PLAN

*Committee on Agriculture:* Met for organizational purposes.

The Committee also approved the Committee's Oversight Plan for the 111th Congress.

### SEXUAL ASSAULT IN THE MILITARY; VICTIM SUPPORT AND ADVOCACY

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on Sexual Assault in the Military: Victim Support and Advocacy. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Kaye Whitley, Director and Teresa Scalzo, Senior Policy Advisor, both with the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office; CPT Daniel Katka, USAF, Sexual Assault Response Coordinator; SFC Michael Horwath, USA, Sexual Assault Response Coordinator/Victim Advocate; and Chief Petty Officer Tonya D. McKennie, USN, Victim Advocate; and a public witness.

### COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION; COMMITTEE'S OVERSIGHT PLAN

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Met for organizational purposes.

The Committee also approved the Committee's Oversight Plan for the 111th Congress.

### COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION; COMMITTEE'S OVERSIGHT PLAN

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Met for organizational purposes.

The Committee also approved the Committee's Oversight Plan for the 111th Congress.

### COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION; COMMITTEE'S OVERSIGHT PLAN

*Committee on Small Business:* Met for organizational purposes.

The Committee also approved the Committee's Oversight Plan for the 111th Congress.

### FREIGHT/PASSENGER RAIL OUTLOOK

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on Freight and Passenger Rail: Present and Future Roles, Performance, Benefits, and Needs. Testimony was heard from Joseph Boardman, President and CEO, National Railroad Passenger Corporation (AMTRAK); and public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on the Budget:* to hold hearings to examine the global economy, focusing on outlook, risks, and implications for policy, 10 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine quality in health reform, 2 p.m., SD-430.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

#### House

No committee meetings are scheduled.